In loving memory of Marsha P. Johnson,
August 24, 1945 – July 3, 1992

> The current discourse about cops wanting to feel "included" in Pride is so beyond disrespectful to her and uncounted others who were literally abused, murdered and their legacies systematically destroyed by these same officers.

Pride, as an event, only exists because of their resistance and struggle. Blood was shed. Lives were lost.

And those whose systemic abuses led to this event, this celebration of resistance and solidarity and vigil for the unknown masses of our ancestors whose stories we may never know, now dare to complain that they are not invited?

If we are to honor Marsha P Johnson and her legacy, in any way that matters, we will do it through radical honesty and revolutionary kindness. We will do it by protecting the most vulnerable of our community, and rejecting the myths of respectability politics. We will do it by being radically authentic and kind to the abused, not their abusers." ~ *Alexander Petrovnia (zhe/he)*

"It's changed, honey, this street is a different place. But when it gets down to it, it's money that rules the world, and Lucifer is coming. Yes he is.

In the meantime, spare change for a dying queen, darling?"

~ Martha P. Johnson

pride is a vigil